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ELONGATED BODY AND AN ARRANGEMENT FOR A
BENDING-RESISTANCE, ELONGATED BODY
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REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 24, 2003 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner rejects claims 14, 15, 17, 18, 20-23, 25, 27, 28 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Henshaw et al. The Examiner states that Henshaw et al. teach a method of producing a bending-resistant, elongated body meeting the limitations of these claims. In particular, the relies on Figure 1 of Henshaw et al. as disclosing a cavity 16 having an inner surface at a distance from the mass center (in the vicinity of numeral 15 in Figure 1) of the blank 11.

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Figure 1 of Henshaw et al. does not illustrate the entire blank 11. That is, Figure 1 is depicting only a portion of the blank 11 so that the details of the cavity can be viewed. Indeed, at